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1. In July 1953 [REDACTED] a dredger working in the channel near Chizhov Island. A Dvina River pilot stated that the dredger works continuously during the season to maintain the depth of the channel, since the maximum draft at low water is 26 feet.
2. At Sawmill No. 2 on the south-southeastern tip of Brevennik Island the depth at low water was found to be 25 feet two meters off the quay. This quay, which is known as Quay 15, is about 1,000 feet long, approximately eight feet above water, and extends shoreward about 50 feet. It is a brushwood type quay with a surface of three layers of plank. The pitprops are transported by truck from the timber yard to the quay. [REDACTED] Sawmill No. 2 in July 1953, there was a shortage of labor at the quay. Only four gangs were available for each shift. Depending on the terms of the charter party, gangs were moved from ship to ship to avoid the necessity of payment of demurrage.
3. [REDACTED] a floating drydock of medium size at the dock yard at the southern end of Solombala Island. The dock contained a naval trawler.
4. Two bridges connect Arkhangelsk with Solombala Island. The railway bridge crosses Kuznechikha River via Shilov Island. Sidings and freight trains were observed on both sides of the river, but no trains were seen on the bridge. The second bridge, a wooden construction for regular traffic, floats on pontoons. It is clearly posted at either end for three-ton maximum loads and ten-kilometer maximum speed. About 400 yards northeast of the pontoon bridge are four stone piers apparently intended for the construction of a new bridge. [REDACTED] no work in progress.

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